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Or,

A quaint dispute between Veluet breeches
and Cloth-breeches.

*Wherein is plainly set downe the disorders
in all Estates and Trades.*



L O N D O N

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To the Right Worshipful Thomas Burnabie Esquier
Robert Greene wilheth hartes ease, and
heauens blisse.



Ir, after I had ended this Quippe for an upstart
Courtier, containing a quaint dispute betwene
Clothbreeches and Veluet breeches, wherein vnder
a dreame I shadowed the abuses that Pride
had bred in Englande, how it had infected the
Court with aspiring Ennie, the Citie with griping
couetousnesse, and the countrey with contempte and disdaine. How
since men placed their delights in proud lookes and braue atyre, Ho-
spitality was left off, Neighbour hood was exciled, Conscience was kof-
at, and charitie lay frozen in the streets: how upstart Gentlemen for
the maintainance of that their fathers neuer lookt after, raised rents,
rackie their tenants, and imposed greate fines, I flood in a mase to
whome I shoulde dedicate my labours, knowing I should bee bitten by
many, sitbens I had toucht many, and therefore neede some woorthye
Patrone vnder whose winges I might shroud my selfe from Goodman
finde fault. At last I cald to mind your Worship, and thought you the
fittest of al. my friends, both for the duetie that I owe, and the wor-
shipfull qualities you are indued withall, as also for that all Northam-
tonshire reports how you are a father of the poore, a supporter of auu-
tient Hospitalitie, an enimie to Pride, and to be short, a maintayner of
Cloth breeches (I meane of the old and worthie customes of the Genti-
litie and yeomanrie of England.) induced by these reasons, I humbly
present this phamplet to your Worship, only craving you wil accept it
as courtiously as I present it dutifully, and then I haue the end of my
desire and for resting in hope of your favourable acceptance, I humbly
take my leave.

Your duetifull adopted sonne,

Robert Greene.

To the Gentlemen Readers health.

Gentle Gentlemen, I hope Cloth breeches shall find your gentle Censors of this homely Apologie of his ancient prerogatiues such though he speaks against Velvet breeches which you were, yet he twits not the weede but the vice, not the apparell when tis worthily worn, but the vnworthie person that weares it, who sprang of a Peasant will vse any sinister meanes to cline to preferment, being then so proude as the foppe forgets like the Assle that a mule was his father. For auintient Gentility and yeomanrie, Cloth breeches attempteth this quarrell, and hopes of their fauour: for vpstarts he is halfe carcles, & the more, because he knowes whatsoeuer some thincke priuately, they will bee no publike carpers: least by kicking where they are toucht, they bewray their gald backs to the world, and by starting vp to find fault, proue themselues vpstarts and fooles. So then poore Cloth-breeches sets downe his rest on the courtesie of gentle gentlemen and bold Yeomen, that they will suffer him to take no wrong. But suppose the worst, that hee should be fround at, and that such occupations as hee hath vppon conscience discarded from the Iury, should commence an action of vnkindnesse against him, heele proue it not to hold plea, because all the debate was but a dreame. And so hoping all men will merrilie take it, he stands sollemnlie leaning on his pike staffe, till he heare what you conceaue of him for being so peremptorie. If well, he swears to crack his hose at the knees to quite your courtship. If hardly, he hath vowed that whatsoeuer he dreames neuer to blab it againe, and so he wisbeth me humbly to bid you farewell.

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I was in at that time whē the Cuckoldes quī-
rister began to bewray Aprill Gentlemen, with
his neuer changing notes, that I damped with a
melancholy humoz, went into ſ fields to cheere
vp my wits with the fresh air: where solitarie
seeking to solace my selfe I fell in a dreame, and
in that drowlie slomber, I wandered into a vale
all tapistred with sweet and choise flowers, there grew many simples
whose vertues taught men to be subtil: & to think nature by her wares
warnd men to be wary and by their secret properties to check wan-
ton and sensuall imperfections. Amongst the rest, there was the yel-
low daffodil, a flowre fit for gelous Dottrels, who through the bewty
of their honest wiues grow suspitious, & so prone themselves in the
end cuckold Heretikes, there buded out the checkerd (Pauise) or
partly coloured harts ease, an herbe seldome faine, either of such men
as are wedded to themselves or of such women that haue hasty husbands,
yet ther it grew, and as I slept to gather it, it slip from me like Tan-
talus fruit that failes their maister. At last, woozing at this secret
qualitie, I learned that none can weare it, be they kinges, but such
as desire no more then they are boyne to, nor haue their wiues a-
boue their fortunes. Clap on a banke boyding by, grewe womens
wordes, fencell I meane so; flatterers, fit generally for that Sex,
sith while they are maidens, they wishe wantonly: while they are
wiues they will wilfully, while they are widowes, they would wil-
lingly: and yet all the proud desires, are but close dissemblinges.
Nere adorning sprouted out the Courtiers comfort, Time: An herb
that many stumble on and yet ouer slip, whose rancke steepe and thick
leaves, haue this peculiar property, to make a snail if she tast of the
sappe as swift as a swallow, yet toynd with this ppeindire, that if
she clime too hastily, she falls too suddenly. For thought I saw diuers
pong courtiers tread vpon it with high disdaine, but as they past a-
way, an Adder lurking there bit them by the heiles that they wept:
and then I might perceiue certaine clownes in clotted shoone ga-
ther it, & ease of it with gradinelle: which no sooner was sunk into
their matres, but they were metamorphoses, and lookt as proud
though peasants, as if they had bene boyne to be princes companions.
Amongst the rest of these changlings tohome the tast of time had

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thus altered, there was some that lifted their beades to his, as if they had bene bled to looke no lower then stars, they thought Noli altum sapere was rather the saying of a foole, then the censure of a philosopher, and therfore stretch themselves on their tiptoes, as if they had bene a kindred to the lord Tiptoft, and began to disdain their equals, scoone their inferiours, and euen their betters, forgetting now that time had taught them to say masse, how befoze they had playde the Clarks part to say Amen to the priest. With, then they were not so little as Gentlemen, and their owne conceipt was the Heralde to blason their descents, from an olde house, whose great grandfathers would haue bin glad of a new cottage to hide their beades in. Yet as the peacocke was apt in the pride of his beauntious feathers is knowne to be but a dunghill birde by his soule feete: so though the high lokes and costly suits argue to the eyes of the world they were Cavaliers of great worship, yet the churlish illiberalitie of their mindes, befoze their fathers were not above three poundes in the kinges bookes at a subside, but as these bystart changelings went strutting like philopolim richides the bragart in Plautus, they looked so proude at the same, that they stumbled on a bed of Rue, that grew at the bottome of the banke where the Time was planted, which fall vpon the dew of so bitter an herbe, taught them that such proud peacockes ouer hastily out run their fortunes at last to speedily fall to repentance and yet some of them smile & said Rue was called herbe grace, which though they scoined in their youth, they might weare in their age, & it was neuer too late to say Miserere. As thus I stood musing at this time bozne broad, they vanished away like Cadmus copesmates, that sprang by of vipers teeth. so that casting mine eye aside after them, I saw where a crew of all estates were gathering flowers, what kind they were of I knew not, but pretious, I gesse them in that they pluckt them with grauinesse, so that I drew towards them to be-partaker of their profits, coming nearer, I might see the woad they so longed for, was a little daper flower, like a ground hennisuckle, called thurst, praised generally of all, but praised for distillation but of few amongst the crew that seemed conetous of this herbe, ther was a troope of old graibers in beluet, sattin, and woolded iackets, that stooped as nimble to pluck it by the rootes, as if their boynts had bene supled in the oile of spilers skins, they spared no labo: & paines to get and gather, and what they got they gaue to certaine yong boies
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and girles that stood behinde them, with their shirtes and laps open to receiue it: among whom some scattered it as fast as their fathers gathered it, waisting and spoiling it at their pleasure, to which their fathers got with labour.

I thought them to be some Herbalistes or some Apothecaries that had imployed such paines to extract some rare quintessence out of this floure, but one standing by told me they were Comozantes and bladders, that gathered it to fill their coles with, & tobereto (quoth I) is it precious: what is the vertue of it? mary (quoth he) to qualifie the heat of insatiable mindes that like the serpents Dipsas neuer drinkeh enough till they are so full they burst, why then saide I the Diuell burst them all, and with that I fell into a great laughter, to see certain Italianate Canters, humorous Cavaliers, youthfull Gentlemen, and Inamorati gagliardi, that froznesfully pluckt of it, and woze it a while as if they were weary of it and at last left it as to be a flower to put in their nosegayes. Others that seemed Homini di grandissima by their loikes and their walkes gathered earnestly and hid pocket it vp, as if they meant to keepe it carefully, but as they were carrying it away, there met them a troupe of nice wantons, faire women that like to Lamir had faces like Angels, eyes like stars, breastes like the golden front in the Hesperides, but from the middle down towards their shapen like serpents. These with Syzenlike allurements so entised these quaint squires, that they bestowed all their flowers vppon them for saours, they themselves walkinge home by beggars bushe for a permanence. Amongst this crew were Lawyers and they gathered the Diuell and all, but poore ports were thrust backe and could not bee suffered to haue one handfull to put amongst their withered garlands of baies, to make them glorious. But Hob and John of the countrey they slept in churlishly, in their high start ups, and gathered whole sackfuls: insomuch they woze barons of Christ in their hats like sycophantes, or the lusty Gallants in a porrice dance: seeing the crue thus to twangle so; so paltry a waies, I went alone to take one of all the other fragrant flowers that diapred this balley, thereby I saw the Watchers buttons, whose vertue is to make wanton maidens weepe when they haue woyn it forty weekes vnder their apozes for a fauour:

Next them grow the delectable daisies, to worne such light of loue: twenches not to trust every faire piquant that such amorous distillers

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les make them, but sweete smiles breed bitter repentance. Hard by
grew the true lones pinnose, whose kind saour wisheth men to be
faithfull and women courteous. Alongst in a border grew maiden-
hair fit for modest maidens to beholde, and immodest to blasse at, be-
cause it praiseth the one for their naturall Tresses, and condemneth
the other for their beauly and counterfeited Perillwigs, there was the
gentle gilliflowre that wiues should weare if they were not too fro-
ward; and loiall Lanender, but that was full of Cuckoe-spittes, to
show that womens light-thoughts make their husbands heavy heads:
there were sweete Lillies Gods plenty, which theyd faire Margins
need not weape for; wewers, and soze of balme which could cure strang
wounds, only not that wound which women receive when they lose
their maidenheads, so; no herbe hath vertue enough to scrape out that
blot, and the; soze it is the greater blemish. Infinit were the flowers,
beside that beautified the valley, that to know their names and opera-
tions I needed some curious herball, but I passe them over as made-
lesse, sith the vision of their vertues was but a dreame, and therefore
I with no man to holde any discourse herein authenticall. yet thus
much I must say for a parting blow, that at the lower end of the dale
I saw a great many of women bling high wordes to their husbands,
some strining for the bratches, other to have the last word, some fret-
ting, they could not find a knot in a rush, others struinge whether it
were well or haire the Goat bare: questioning with en. that I met,
why these women were so cholericke, he like a shuffling fellow poin-
ted to a bush of nettles, I not willing to be satisfied by signes, asked
him what he meant thereby. Harp (quoth hee) all these women that
you heare bawling fro wning and scolding thus, have generally pitt
on this bushe of nettles, and the vertue of them is to soze a woman
that waters them to bee as painfull for a whole day: as waspish as if
she had bene stung in the hoto with a hornet. Well, I smild at this
and left the company to seeke farther, when in the twinkling of an
eye I was left along the halley cleared of all company, & I a dis-
tressed man, desirous to wander out of that solitary place to seeke good
ephorts & some companions to passe away the day withall. As thus
I walked so; ward, looking by the hill, I was dizen-halfe into a male
with the imagination of a strange wonder which fell out thus: When
thought I saw an inchant-beaule so things come, paring downe the
hill stepping so; proudly with such a geometricall grace, as if some ar-
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official bargant had resolved to measure the world with his paces: I could not describe it to be a man, although it had motion, for that it wanted a body, yet seeing legges and hole, I supposed it to be some monster nurtured vp in those deserts, at last as it dyed more nigh vnto mee, I might perceiue that it was a very passing costly paire of Velvet breeches, whose panes being made of the choicest Seapolitane stuffe, was dyed out with the best Spanish satine, and marvellous curiously ouer twipt with gold thwift, intersemed with knots of pearle, the netherstocke was of the purrest Granada silk, no cost was spared to sett out these costly breeches, who had girt vnto them a Rapier and Dagger gilt, point pendant, as quaintly as if some curious Florentine had trickt them vp to square it vp and downe the Streets before his Mistress. As these breeches were exceeding sumptuous to the eye, so were they passing pompos in their gestures, for they strutted vp and downe the Wallie as proudly as though they had there appointed to act some desperat combat.

Blame me not if I were driuen into a mule with this most monstrous sight to see in that place such a strange headles Courtier setting vp and downe like the other of a fence scole about to play his Wife, when I became neuer in any age such a wonderfull object fortun'd vnto any man before. Well, the greater dumps this folly braue me into, the more desire I had to see what event would follow: where vpon looking about to see if that any more company would come, I might perceiue from the top of the other hill an other payre of Breeches more soberly marching, and with a slower pace, as if they were not too hasty, and yet would keepe promise neuertheless at the place appointed. As soone as they were come into the vallie, I saw they were a plaine paire of Cloth breeches, without either welt or garde, straight to the thigh of white kerse, without a flop, the netherstocke of the same, set too above the knee, and onely leamed with a little countrie blew, such as in Diebus illis our great Grandfathers wore, when neighbour hood and hospitalitie had banisht Pride out of England. Nor were these plaine breeches weaponlesse, for they had a good sower bat with a pike in the end, able to lay on load enough, if the hart were answerable to the weapon, and vpon this staffe pitcht downe vpon the ground, Cloth breeches stood solemnly leaning, as if they ment not to start, but to answer to the uttermost whatsoeuer in that place might be objected. Looking vpon these two, I might per-

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ceine by the pride of the one, and homely resolution of the other that this their meeting would grow to some dangerous conflict, and therefore to prevent the fatal issue of such a pretended quarrell, I kept betwene them both, when Melnet breeches graced Cloth breeches with this salutation. Proud and insolent peasant, how darrest thou without leave or lowe reuerence presse into the place whether I am come for to dispozt my selfe? Art thou not afraide: thy high presumption should sommon me to displeasure, and so force me draw my rapier, which is neuer unsheathed but it turnes into the scabberd with a triumph of mine enuies blood: bold bayard anaunt, beard mee not to my face, for this time I pardon thy folly, and grant thy legges leave to carry away thy life. Cloth breeches nothing amased at this branado, bending his staffe as if he meant (if he were wronged) to bestow his benison, with a scornfull kind of smiling made this smoth reply: Harygly goodman vpstart, who made your father a Gentleman, lost fire makes sweet mault, the curstest Cow hath the shortest hoznes, and a bawling curre, of all bites the least, alas good sir, are you so fine that no man may be your fellow, I pray you what difference is betwene you and mee but in the cost and the making, though you bee neuer so richly daubde with gould and powdered with Pearle, yet you are but a case for the buttockes, and a couer for the basest part of a mans body no more then I, the greatest preheminence is in the garmishing and thereof you are proud, but come to the true vse we were appointed to, my honoz is more then thine, for I belong to the old auncient yeomanry, pea and gentility, the fathers, and thou to a companie of proud and unmanerly vpstarts the sonnes. At this, Melnet-breeches stoimd and said, Why thou beggars brat descended from the reuerfion of base pouertye, is thy insolency so great to make comparison with me, whose difference is as great as the brightnesse of the sunne and the slender light of a candle: I (pooze snake) am sprung from the ancient Romans, bozne in Italy the mistresse of the world for chualrie, cald into England from my native home (where I was famous) to honour your countrie and yong gentlemen here in England with my countenance, where I am holden in high regarde, that I can presse into the presence when thou pooze soule shalt with cap and knee beg leave of the poster to enter, and I sit and dine with the Nobility, when thou art faine to wait for the reuerfion of the almes basket: I am admitted boldly to tell my tale, whē thou art faine to sue by means of

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of supplication, and that and thou to, so little regarded, that most commonly it neuer comes to the Princes hand, but dies imprisoned in some obscure pocket: With then ther is such difference betwene our estates, cease to bidge my patience with thy insolent presumption. Cloth thy ches as base as hee was proud, swoze by the pike of his staffe, that his rhoplogicke was not worth a pinne, and that he would turne his one weapon into his bosome thus, Why signo? Glorioso (quoth hee) though I haue not such glosing phrase to trick out my speeches withall as you, yet I will come ouer your fallowes with this bad rhyme: I pray you Prountier Malapart are you therefore my superiour, because you are taken vp with Gentlemen, and I with the yeomanry? Doth true vertue consist in riches, or humanity in wealth? Is auncient honour tied to outward bziuery? or not rather true Possibility, a mind excellently qualified with rare vertues? I will teach thee a lesson worth the hearing, proud pzincocks, how Gentility first sprung vpe, I will not forget the olde wiues logick, when Adam delb'd and Eue span, who was then a Gentleman: but I tel thee after the generall flood that there was no moze men vpon the earth but Noe and his thze sonnes, and that Cham had wickedly discovered his fathers secrets the grew the diuision of estates thus: The church was figured in Sem, Gentilitie in Iapheth, and labour and bondage in Cham; Sem being chaste and holy, Iapheth learned and valiant, Cham churlish and seruile, yet did not the curse extend so far vpon Cham, nor the blessing vpon Iapheth, but if the one altered his nature, & became either indued with learning or valour he might be a gentleman, or if the other degenerated from his auntient vertues, hee might be heald a pefaut, wherevpon Noe inferred that gentility grew not only by propagatiō of nature, but by perfection of qualities. When is your worship wile that boast of your worth for your gold & pearle, sith Cucullus non facit Monachum, nor a Tieluet stop make a slouen a gentleman: And whereas thou sayst thou wert borne in Italy, & called hither by our courtiers, him may we curse that brought thee first into Englande, for thou camest not alone but accompanied with a multitude of abhominable vices, hanging to thy humbast nothing but infectious abuses, as baine-glozie, selfelone, sodomie, and strang poisonings, wherewith thou hast infected this glorious Island. yea insolent bzagart: thou hast defiled thine one neast, and fatal was the day of thy byrth, for since the time of thy hatching in Italy, as Cham

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famous for chivalrey and learninge, the imperiall state through thy pride hath decayed, and thou hast like the yonge Bellican peckt at thy mothers brest with thy presumption, causing them to lose that their forefathers with true hono^r conquered, so hast thou beene the ruine of the Romane Emperie, and nowe fatally art thou come into Englande to attempte here the like subuersion. Whereas thou dost boast that I am little regarded where thou art highly accounted of, and hast sufferance to presse into the presence, when I am so; my simpleness shut out of doo^rs, I grant thy allegation in part, but not in whole, for men of high wisdom and honour measure not men by the outward shewe of bawery, but by the inward worth and honesty, and so though I am disbained of a few overweening fooles, I am valued as well as thy selfe with the wise. In that thou sayst thou canst speake when I sue by supplication, I grant it, but the tale thou telst is to the ruine of the poo^re, so; coming into high fauour with an impudent face, what sarne is there expired, whose lease thou dost not begge? what so;seife of penall statutes? what consealed landes can ouerslip this: yea rather then thy bawery should faile begge potwling pence for the verge smooke that comes out of poo^re mens chymnies, shamest thou not to plandish bystart to heare me discourse thy imperfections, get thy home againe into thy owne country, and let me as I was wont lue famous in my native home in England where I was borne and bred, yea and bearded Caesar thy countryman til he compass the conquest by treason. The right and title in this country base that (as beluet braches) nowe authority fauours me, I am admitted viceroy, & I will make thee do me homage, & confesse that thou heldest thy being and residence in my land from the gracious fauour of my sufferance, and with that he laid hold on the hilts of his rapier, and cloth braches betoke him to his staff, when I stepping betwixt them parted them thus. Why what meane ye, will you decide your controuersie by blowes, when you may debate it by reason, this is a land of peace, gouerned by true iudiciaries & honorable magistrats, where you shall haue equitie without partiality, and therefore listen to me & discusse the matter by lawe, your quarrell is, whether of you are most antient and most worthy, you sir, boast of your country and parentage, he of his native birth in England, you claime al, he would haue but his owne, both plead an absolute title of residence in this country, then must the course betwene you be trespass or disseison

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of franke tenement, you Velvet breeches in that you claime the first title you shall bee plaintiffe, and plead a trespassse of desseison doongs you by cloth breeches, so shall it be brought to a iurie, and tried by a verdict of twelue or fower and twenty. Tush, tush, quoth Velvet breeches, I neither like to be plaintiffe, nor yet allow of a iurie, for they may be partiall, and so condemne me in mine owne action, for the country swaines cannot value of my worth nor can mine hono; come within the compasse of their base wits, because I am a stranger in this land, & but heere latly arined, they wil hold me as an vpstart, & so lightly extreme of my worthinesse, and for my aduersary is their countyman & lesse chargeable, hee shall haue the lawe mitigated, if a iury of hindes or peasants should bee inpanelled, if antient Gentlemen, yeomen, or plaine ministers should bee of the quest I were sure to lose the day because they loath mee, in that I haue perswaded so many landlozdes for the maintenance of my bzauerie to raise their rentes. You seeke a knot in a rush (qd. I) you need not doubt of that, for whome you distrust & think not indifferent, him you vpon a canse manifested, challeng from your iurie, If your lawe allowe such large fauour (quoth Velvet breeches) I am content my title be tried by a iurie, and therefore let mine aduersary plead me Nul tort Nul disseison Cloth breeches was content with this, and so they both agreed I should bee iudge and iuro; in this controuersie, wheretupon I wisht them to say for themselves what they could, that I might discoure to the Iurie what reasons they alledged of their Titles: then Velvet breeches began thus. I cannot but greene that I should be thus outfack with a carters weed onely fit for husbandry, seeing I am the originall of al honourable endeuors: to what end both youth bestow their wits on law, phisicke, or Theology, were it not the ende they aime at, is the wearing of me and winning of preferment, Hono; norrieth Art, and for the regarde of dignity, do learned men strine to speede in their faculty.

Impiger extremos currit Mercator ad indos,

Per mare, per saxa, &c.

What driues the merchants to seeke forren martts, to venter their goods and hazard their liues: not, if still the end of their tranell were a paire of cloth breeches, no, velvet, casly attire, curious and quaint apparell is the spur that prickes them forward to attempt such danger. Doth not the Souldiours fight to be bzane, the Lawyer study to countenance

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countenance himselfe with cost, the artificer takes paines only for my sake that wearing me he may brag it amongst the best, what credits carries he now aduaies that goes pind vp in a Cloth bzarch, who will keepe him companie that thinks well of himselfe, vnlesse he vse the simple flane to make cleane his shoone, the woꝝles are chaungde and men are growen to moze wit, and their mindes to aspiꝛe after moze honozable thoughts, they were Dunces in Diebas illis, they had not the true vse of gentility, and therefore they liued meanely and died obscurely, but now mennes capacities are refined, time hath set a new edge on gentlemens humoꝝs, and they shew them as they should bee, not like glottons as their fathers did, in chynes of beise and almes to the poore, but in beluets, sattins, cloth of gold, pearle, yea pearle lace, which scarce Caligula woꝛe on his birth day, and to this honourable humoꝝ haue I brought these gentlemen since I came from Italy. what is the end of seruice to a man but to countenance himselfe and credite his maister with bzauie suites, the scurvy tapsters and ostlers sex populi fill pots, and rubbe bozseheeles, to pzancke themselves with my glazꝝ, alas were it not to wear me, why would so many apply themselves to extraordinary idlenes? Beside, I make fooles be reuerent, and thought wise amongst the common sort, I am a seuerer sensoꝝ to such as offend the law, pꝛouided there be a penalty annexed that may bring in some pꝛofite, yea by me the chāfests part of the realme is goꝛnẽd, and therefore I refer my title to the verdit of any men of iudgment. To this mildly Cloth bzarches answered thus.

As I haue had alwayes that honest humoꝝ in mee to measure all estates by their vertues, not by their apparell, so did I neuer grudge at the bzauery of any whome birth, time, place, oꝝ dignity made woꝝthy of such costly ornaments, but if by the fauour of their Prince and their owne desarts they merited them, I helde both lawfull and commendable to answere their degrees in apparell, coꝛrespondent vnto their dignities. I am not so pꝛecise direaly to inueigh against the vse of beluet, either in bzarches oꝝ in other suites, noꝝ will I haue men goelike John Baptist, in coates of Camels hair. Let Princes haue their Diademes, and Cæsar what is due to Cæsar, let Noblemen goe as their byth requires, and Gentlemen as they are boꝛne oꝝ beare office, I speake in mine owne defence, foꝝ the antient Gentilitye and geomanrie of Englande, and inueigh against none, but such malapart bystart as raised by from the Plough, oꝝ aduanced foꝝ their Italian deuises, oꝝ foꝝ their witleesse wealth, conet in bzauerye to

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match, may to eried the greatest Noblemen in this land.

But leaning this digression moultier belnet bꝛaches, againe to the perticulars of your fond allegation. Whereas you affirme your selfe to be both original and final end of learning, alas proud prince, you pearch a bow to his, did all the philosophers beat their bꝛaines, and busie their twits to weare belnet bꝛaches: Why both at that time thou wert unknowne, yea vnbozne, and all excesse in apparell had in high contempt, and nowe in these daies all men of worth, are taught by reading, that excesse is a great sin: that pride is the first step to the downefall of shame. They study with Tully, that they may seeme bozne for their countries as well as for themselves. The Demine to iustice, the Phisition to discover the secretes of Coders wonders, by working strange cures: to be bꝛase, the end of all being, as to knowe God, And not as your worthip god maister belnet bꝛaches wꝛests to creep into acquaintance.

I will not denie, but there be as fantasticall fooles as your selfe, that perhaps are puffed up with such presuming thoughts, and ambitionly aime to trick themselves in your worthips masking lutes, but while such climbe for great honours, they often fall to great shames. It may be thereupon you bꝛing in Honos alit Artes, but I gesse your maistership neuer tried what true honour meant, that trusse it tpe within the compasse of a paire of belnet.bꝛaches, and place it in the arrogancy of the hart, no, no: say honoꝝ is idolatry, for they make soles of themselves, and idols of their carcases: but he that valueth honour so, shall reade a lecture out of Apuleius golden asse, to learne him moꝝe wit. But now sir by your leane, a blow with your next argument which is, that marchants hazard their goods and lines to be acquainted with your maistership. Indeed you are a worke for wisse men frequent marts for profit not for pride, vnlesse it be some that by wearing of belnet bꝛaches and apparell too high for their calling, haue prooued bankeroutes in their youth, and haue becne glad in their age to desire my acquaintance. and to trusse by their sailes in homespun russet: whereas thou dost obiect the valour of hardy soldiers to growe for the desire of bꝛaue apparell. It is false, and I knowe if any were present, they would prone vpon thy bones that thou wert a liar: for their countreys good, their princes service, the defence of their friends the hope of sauoz is the small ende of their resolutions: esteeming not

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only them but the worldes glory, sickle, transitory, & inconstant. What I fetch from thine own country, weapons to wound thy selfe withall. What saist thou to Cincinnatus, was he not caled to be Dictator from the plough, and after many victories, what did he iet by and do to the court in costly garments and velvet breeches? No, he dispised dignitie, contemned vaine glorie and pride, and returned againe to his quiet contented life in the country. How much did Caius Fabritius value their Numa pompilius, Sceuola, Scipio, Epaminodas, Aristides, they held themselves woymes meate, and counted pride vanity, and yet thou art not ashamed to say, thou art the ende of soldiers worthie honoꝝ. I tell thee sawy skiplack, it was a good and a blessed time here in England, when R. Stephen woꝝe a pair of cloth breeches of a Noble a payre, and thought them passing costlye, then did hee count Westminster hal to litle to be his dining chamber & his almshouse was not bare bones, in stead of broken meat but lussy chynes of base sel into the poꝝe mens basket. When charity flourished in the Court, and yong Courtiers strove to excede one an other in vertue, not in bzauery: they rode not with fans to ward their faces from the wind, but with Burgant to resist the stroke of a Battlear, they could then better exhort a soldoꝝ to armoꝝ then court a lady with amozels, they caused the trumpette to sounde them pointes of warre, not Poets to write them wanton Eligies of loue: they sought after honest fame, but hunted not after fading honoꝝ: which distinction by the way take thus. There be some that seeke honour, and some are sought after by honoꝝ. Such upstarts as fetch their pedigree from their fathers ancient leather apzon, and creepe into the court with great humility, reby at the first Basciare li piedi di la vostra signoria hauing gotten the countenance of some Nobleman, will strait be a kindred to Cadwallar, and sweare his great grand mother was one of the Burgesses of the parlamente house, will at last steale by degrees into some credite by their double diligence, and then winde some woꝝshipfull place as far as a hungry cow can smell a str renerece, and then with all their friends seeke day and night with coyne and countenance till they haue got it. Others there be whome honoꝝ it selfe seeks, and such be they whome vertue doth frame fit foꝝ that purpose, that rising by high desarts, as learning, oꝝ valour, merite moꝝe then eyther they looke foꝝ, oꝝ their pynce hath anye ease conueniently to bestow on them. Such honoꝝ seeks & they with a blushing conscience entertain him, be they

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never so high in fauour, yet they beg no office, as the shamelesse vpstart doth, that hath a hungry eye to spie out, an impudent face to sue, and a flatering toong to intreat for some void place of woorthip, which little belonged to them. if the prince intended to bestow offices for vertue not fauour, Other M. Melnet braches there be of your cruse, that pinch their bellies to polish their backs, that kepe their matres empty, to fill their purses that haue no shewe of gentility but a Melnet stop, who by poling or selling of land that their fathers leste will bestowe all to buy an office about the court that they may be woorthipfull, extorting from the poore, to raise vp their money that the base deceiuing companions haue laid out to haue an office of some countenance and credite, wherein they may haue of me better then themselves, be tearmed by the name of woorthip. The last whome vertue pleabeth for, and neither silver, gold, frendes, nor fauour aduanceth, be men of great woorth, such as are thought of woorthip, and vnwillingly entertaine her, rather vouchsafing profered honoz for their countreyes cause, then for any proud opinion of hoped for preferment.

Blessed are such landes, whose officers are so placed, and where the Prince promoteth not for coine nor countenance, but for his woorthie deserting vertues. But leauing this by talke, me thought I heard you say Signior Melnet braches, that you were the father of mechanicall Artes, and handicraftes were found out to sell your brauery. In faith Goodman gosetape, you that are come from the startups, & therefore is called an vpstart. quasi start vp from clowted shoone, your lips hunge in your light, when you brought forth this Rogike: for I hope there is none so simple, but knowes that handicraftes and occupations grewe for necessity, not pride: that mens inuentions waied sharpe to profite the common wealth, not to pranke vpe themselves in brauery. I pray you when Tubalcane inuented temping of mettals had hee Melnet braches to weare? In sadnesse, where was your woorthip when his brother found out the accordes and discoydes of muslicke hiden in hell, and not yet thought on by the Deuill, to cast forth as a baite to bring many proud fooles to ruine?

Indeed I cannot denie, but your woorthip hath brought in deceit as a iourney man into al companies, & made that a subtil craft, which while I was holden in esteem was but a simple misterie: now euery trade hath his sleighes, to slubber vpe his worke to the eye, and to make it good to the sale, howeformer it ppones in the wearing,

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The shoemaker cares not if his shoes hold the drawing on: the tailor solves with hot needle and burnt thred. Thus the pride hath banished conscience, and Velvet breaches honesty, and every servile judge must ruffle in his likes, or else he is not suetable.

The world was not so A principio, for when velvet was woyme but in kinges caps, then conscience was not a brome man in Kent street but a Courtier, then the farmer was content his sonne should hold the plough, and live as he had done before: Beggars then feared to aspire, and the higher sort escoined to ennie. Now every lotot must have his sonne a Courtroll, and those dunghill judges were so proud, that they wil presume to wear on their feet, what kings have woyme on their heades. A clownes sonne must be clapt in a Velvet pantophle, and a velvet breach, though by presumptions alle be dyolwd in the Spencers booke, & make a convey of all his lands to the usurer for commodities: yea the fop must goe like a gallant for a while, although at last in his age hee begge. But in vaine, such young youths when the broker hath blest them with sainte Needams crosse, fall then to pryng listes and colencages, and when their credit is bitterly crackt, they practise some bad shift, and so come to a shamefull ende

Lastly, whereas thou saist thou art a severe censour to punish sins, as aufter as Caro to correct vice, of truth I hold thee to in penal statutes when thou hast begged the forfeite of the Prince: but such correction is open extortion and opprellion of the poore, nor can I compare it better to velvet breach, then to the wolfe chaulsing the lambe for disturbing their fountaine, or the Deuill casting out Deuilles, through the power of Belzebub, and thus much courteous sir I have said, to display the follies of mine aduersary, and to shewe the right of mine owne interest. Whye then quoth I, if you have both saide, it relecth but that wee hadde some to empanell vpon a Jury, and then no doubt but the verdict would soone bee given on one side. As thus I was talking to them, I might see comming downe the hill a brane dapper Dicke, quaintly attired in velvet and sattin, and a cloake of cloth rash, with a cambrycke ruffe as smoothly set, and he as neatly spinged, as if he had been a bydgroune, only I got by his pare a farre off he should be a Tailor, his head was holden vpp so pert, and his legges shakte hand, as if his knees had bene laced to his thighes with points. Comming moze neere indeed I spide a Tailor moze free pike on his brest, a spanish needle, and then I fitted my salutations,
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not to his lutes but to his trade, and incountr'd him by a threed bare courtlye, as if I had not knowne him, and asked him of what occupation he was? A Taylo?, quoth he, marry then my friend, quoth I, you are the more welcome, for heere is a greate quarrell growne betwixt veluet breeches and cloth breeches, for their prerogative in England: the matter is growne to an issue, ther must a Jury be empannelled, and I would desire and intreat you to be one of the quest.

Not so, quoth cloth breeches I challenge him. And why quoth I? What reason haue you, doth he not make them both? yes, quoth hee, but his gaines is not a like: alas, by me hee getteth small, onelye hee is paid for his workmanship, vnlesse by misfortune his shieres slip away, and then his bailes is but a shred of homespurne cloth: where as in makinge of veluet breeches, where there is required silke lace, cloth of golde, of siluer, and such costly stuffe, to welte, garde, whippstitch, edge, face, and draw out, that the vales of one veluet breeche, is more then twenty payre of mine. I hope there is no Taylo? so precise but he can play the cooke and lick his owne fingers: though he looke vp to Heauen, yet hee can cast large shreds of such rich stuffe into hell vnder his shop boord. Besides, hee setteth downe like the Clarke of the Cherke a large bill of reckonings, which for hee keepes longe in his pocket he so powders so, sinking, that the yong vpstart that needes it, feels it salt in his stomack a month after. Beside sir veluet breeches hath aduans't him: for whereas in my time he was counted but goodman Taylo?, now hee is growne since veluet breeches came in, to bee called a marchant or Gentleman Marchant Taylo?, geuinge armes and the holy Lambe in his creast, where before hee had no other cognifance, but a plaine spanish needle with a welch cricket on the top: And then his gaine is so greate and his honour so aduans't by veluet breeches. I will not trust his conscience, nor shall he come vppon my Jury.

Inde'd you haue some reason quoth I, but perhaps the Taylo? doth this vpon meer deuotion to punish pride, and hauing no other authority nor meane, thinks it best to pinch them by the purse, and make them pay well, as to aske twise so much silke lace and other stuffe as would suffice, and yet to ouer reach my yong master with a bill of reckoning that will make him scratche where it itcheth not. Heerein I hold the Taylo? for a necessary member to teach younge nouices the way to waiping crosse: that when they haue wasted what their fa-

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thers left the by pride, they may grow sparing & humble, by inferred pouertie: & by this reason, the Tailor plaies Gods part: he exalteth the poore and pulleth downe the proud: For of a wealthy Esquiers sonne, he maketh a thredbare beggar: and of a scozefull Tailor, he sets vp an vpstart scarp Gentleman. Yet seeing you haue made a reasonable challeng to him, the Tailor shall be none of the quest.

As I bad him stand by, there was comming alongst the balley to-wardes vs, square set fellow well fed and as briskly apparelled, in a blacke taffaty dublet and a spuce leather ierkin, with Christall buttons: A cloake fast afoze with belnet, and a couentry cap of the finest wooll, his face something Ruby blush, Cherry cheeked, like a speed of scarlet or a little darker, like the lers of old claret wine: a nose autem nose purpled pretiously with pearls and stone, like a counterfeited tooke, and betwene the filthy reumicass of his bludshot ten snout, there appeared smal holes, whereat trozmes heads paped as if they meant by their appearance to preach and shewe the antientie and antiquity of his house.

This fiery fact churle had vpon his fingers as many goldzings, as would furnish a gold smiths shop or besame a pandor of long profession to weare, wondring what companion this should be. I inquired of what occupation he was: marry sir quoth hee a Broker, why doo you aske, haue you any pawnes at my house? No quoth I, no: by the helpe of God neuer wil haue: but the reason is to haue you vppon a Jury. At this word before I could enter my discourse vnto him belnet bratches start vp, and swoze hee should be none of the quest, he would challeng him, and whye quoth I, what knowe you by him? This base churle is one of the moathes of the common wealth, he is the spoile of yong Gentlemen a blond sucker of the poore, as thirstie as a horse leach that will neuer leaue drinking while hee burst, a knaue that hath intrest in the leases of forty bawby houses a rectiuer for lifts, and a dishonourable supporter of outpurses, to conclude, hee was gotten by an Incubus a he Deuill, & brought forth by an ouerwozne refuse, that had spent her youth vnder the ruines of Bowbies Barne.

Monstrous inuectiue, quoth I, what reason haue you to be thus bitter against him? Oh the villane, quoth he, is the Deuills factoz, sent from hell to torment yong Gentlemen vpon earth: he hath fetcht me ouer in his time, onely in pawnes, in ten thousand pound in gold.

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Suppose as Gentlemen through their liberall mindes may want that I need money: let me come to him with a palme worth tenne pound, he wil not lend vpon it aboue thre pound, and he will haue a bill of sale and twelue pence in the pound for euery monty, so that it comes to firteene pence, sith the bill must monthly be renewed, and if you breake but your day, set downe in the bill of sale, your palme is losse, as full bought and sold, you turne out of your goods and bee an unconscionable gainer. Suppose the best, you keepe your day, yet payin g fiftene pence a month for twety shillings, you pay as good for the lone as fower score in the hundred, is not this monstrous trading vpon Gentlemen. Beside the knaue will be diligently attending and waiting at dicing houses where we be at plaie, and there he is ready to lend the foaster money vpon rings, and chaines, apparell or any other good palme, but the poore Gentleman paies so deere, for the lanender it is laid up in, that if it lie long at a brokers house he saumes to buy his apparell twise: nay this worne eaten wretch hath deeper pitfalls yet to intrap youth in, for hee being acquainted with a young Gentleman of faire huius, in issue of good parents or assured possibility, sooths him in his monstrous expences & sayes he carries the minde of a Gentleman, promising if he want he shall not lacke for a hundred pound or two, if the Gentleman need, then hath my broker an blarer at hand as il as himselfe, and he brings the money, but they tie the poore soule in such Darbies bandes, what with receiuing il commodities and forfeitures vpon the bande, that they dub him fir John had lande before they leaue him, and haue like wolues the poore nouices welth betwixt them as a pray, he is (fir) to be hysse a bowse batwy miser, good for none but himselfe and his trugge, a carle that hath a filthy carkasse without a conscience, a body of a man wherein an infernall spirit in stead of a soule dooth inhabit, the scum of the seuen deadly sinnes, an enimie to all good mindes, a deuourer of young Gentlemen, and to conclud the my mortall enimis and therefore admit of my chaleng, and let him be none of the iurie. Truly (qd. Cloth barres) and I am willing he should be discarded to, for were not bad brokers (I wil not condemne al) there would be lesse filching and fewer theenes, for they receiue all is brought them, and buy that for a Crowne that is worth twentie shillings, desire of gaine blinds their conscience, and they care not how it be come by, so they buy it cheape. Beside they extorte vpon the poore that are enforced

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through extreme want to pawn their cloathes and householde stuffe, their pewter and brasse, and if the pooze soules that labour hard unlesse but a day, the base minded broker takes the forsette without reioyse or pittie, it was not so in Diebus illis, but thou proud boystart Beluets braches hast learn'd all Englishmen their villany, and all to maine-
taine thy brauery: yea, I haue knowne of late when a pooze wo-
man laid a siluer thimble that was sent her from her friends for a to-
ke to pawn for six pence, & the broker made her pay a halfpenny a week
for it, which comes to two shillings a yere, for six pence: sith then hys
conscience is so bad, let him be shuffled out amongst the knaues for a
discarding card, Content qd. 3, and had the broker stand backe, when
there were euen at my heeles thre in a cluster perit yonthes all, and
neatly tired, I questioned them what they were, and the one sayd he
was a barber, the other a surgion, and the third an Apoticary. How
like you of these (qd. 3) shall they be of your iury? Of the iury, quoth
Cloth-braches, neuer a one by my consent, for I challenge them all:
your reason qd. 3, and then you shall haue my verdict. Saye (qd. Cloth
braches) first to the barber he cannot be but a partiall man on beluets
braches side, sith he gets more by one time dressing of him, than by
ten times dressing of me, I come plaine to be posse, and to haue my
heard cut, and pay him two pence, beluets braches he sits to lone in
the chaire wrapt in fine cloathes, as though the barber were about to
make him a footcloth for the vicar of saint fooles. the begins he to take
his sissars in his hand and his combe, and so to snap with them as if he
meant to giue a warning to all the lice in his nitte lockes for to pre-
pare themselves, for the day of their destruction was at hande, then
comes he out with his suttian elegance & making a low conge, saith,
Sir will you haue your two haire cut after the Italian manner, shorte
and round, and then frounst with the curling yrons, to make it looke
like a halfe moone in a mist: or like a spanyard long at the eares, and
curled like to the two endes of an olde cast perriwig, or will you bee
Frenchified with a lone locke downe to your shoulders, wherein you
may weare your mistress fauour? the English cut is base and gentle-
men scoone it, nouelty is haintye, speaks the woo:rd sir, my sissars are
ready to execute your wo:rdships wil. His head being once drest, which
requires in combing and rubbing some two bowlers, he comes to the
bason, then beeing curiously washt with no wo:rdse then a campfire
bal, he descends as low as his herd, and asketh whether he please to be
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shauen 02 no, whether he will haue his peak cut short & sharpe, amia-
 ble like an inamorato 02 broad pendāt like a spade, to be terrible like
 a warrior; & a Soldado, whether he will haue his crases cut loto like a
 Juniperbush, 02 his suberches takē alway with a raso, if it be his plea-
 sure to haue his appendices pruned, 02 his mustachios fostered to turn
 about his eares like 3 branches of a vine, 02 cut down to 3 lip with 3
 Italian scab, to make him loke like a halfe faced banby in bras. These
 quaint tearines Barber you great master beluet b2atches withall, &
 at euery word a snap with your fingers, and a cring with your knee,
 whereas when you come to p2oze Clothb2atches you either cutte his
 beard at your owne pleasure, 02 else in disoaine aske him if he will be
 frind with Christs cut, round like the halfe of a holland chafe, mock-
 ing both Christ and vs: for this your knauerie my will is you shall be
 none of the iurie. For you maister surgeon, the statutes of England
 exempts you from being of any quest, and beside, alas, I seldome fall
 into your hands as being guilt & making no b2awls to haue wounds,
 as swarttrutting beluetb2atches dooth, neither doe I frequent tob2o-
 houses to catch the Parbles, and soe to groin your patient, I knowe
 you not, and therefore I appeale to the statute, you shal haue nothing
 to doe with my matter. And for you M. Apoticarie, alas, I looke not
 once in seven yeare into your shop, without it be to buy a peniworth
 of wo2mes to giue my child to b2inke, 02 a little triacle to b2ine out
 the meales, 02 perhaps some b2egs and powders to make my sicke
 bo2sse a trench withall, but for my selfe, if I be ill at ease, I take Bit-
 chin phisicke, I make my wife my Doctor, and my garden my Apo-
 ticaries shop, whereas quacasse maister beluet b2atches cannot haue a
 fart a tope, but he must haue his purgations pills, and glisters, 02 e-
 uacuate by electuaries, he must if the lest spot of morphne come on his
 face, haue his oyle of Tartar, his Lac virginis, his camphire dissolved
 in veruice, to make the foole as faire forworth, as if he were to playe
 Maide Marian in a Maygame 02 Porif-daunce, tush he cannot digest
 his meate without cōserues, nor end his meale without suckats, nor
 (shall I speake plainly) please the frug his mistres without he gos
 to the Apothecaries, for Cringion, Oleum formicarum alatarum &
 aqua mirabilis of ten pound a pint, if mast beluet b2atches with b2in-
 king these drugs hap to haue a stinking b2eath, then forsaeth the Apo-
 ticarie must play the pernamer to make it sweet, nay what is it about
 him that he blameth not nature for framing, and formeth it a ne to be

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art, and in all this who but mounſter the Apoticarie, therefore good ſir (quoth he) ſeing you haue taken vppon you to be trior: ſoꝝ the challenges, let thoſe thre as partial companions be packing. Why (qd. I) ſeing you haue yeelded ſuche reaſon of reſuſall, let them ſtand by: preſently looking about ſoꝝ moze, comes ſtalking down an aged grand ſir in a blacke velvet coat and a blacke cloath gotwne welteed and faced, and after him as I ſuppoſe, foure ſerningmen, the moſt ill fauoured knaues me thought that euer I ſaw, one of them had on a buſſe leather ierkin all greaſie befoze with the droppings of buere that fell from his beard, and by his ſide a ſheine like a Byuers boung knife, and muſſled he was in a cloake turnd ouer his noſe, as though he had beene aſhamde to ſhew his face. The ſecond had a belly like a buckingtub, & a threebare blacke coat vnbottond befoze vpon the bzelt, whereon the map of bynnkenneſſe was byatwne, with the bawdy and howſie excrements that dropt from his filthy leaking mouth. The third was a long leane old ſlaivering ſlangrell with a bzafell ſtaffe in the one hand, and a whiptcord in the other, ſo pourblind that hee had like to haue ſtumbled vpon the company befoze he ſaw them. The fourth was a fat chuſſe, with a ſower looke, in a blacke cloke faced with taſſata, and by his ſide a great ſide porch like a ſaulkner. ſoꝝ their faces all four ſeemed to be byetheren, they were ſo bumballed with the ſtockes of ſtrong beere, and lined with the lees of old ſacke, that they lookte like foure blowne bladers painted ouer with redde waker, oꝝ waſht ouer with the ſuds of an old ſtale die. All theſe, as well the maiſter as the following mates would haue paſt away, but that I ſtept befoze them & inquired firſt of the ſoꝝmoſt what hee was, Mary qd. he, a Lawier, then ſir qd. I, we haue a matter in controuerſie that requireth counſaile, & you are the moze welcome. What is it qd. he, Mary ſaid I, whether Clothbyrches oꝝ velvetbyrches are of moze worth, and which of them hath the beſt title to bee reſident in England? At this the lawier ſmild, and velvet byrches ſtepping forth tooke acquaintance of him, and commendng his honeſtie, ſaid ther could not be a man of better indifferency of the iurie: when cloth byrches ſtepping in ſwoze hee maruelled hee was not as well as the ſurgion exempted by act of parliament from being of any queſt, ſith as the ſurgion was without pittie, ſo he was without conſcience, and therevpon inferd his challenge, ſaieng the Lawyer was neuer frend to clothbyrches, ſoꝝ when to wolynneſſe, neighbour hood, and hoſpitality

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lived in England, Westminster hall was a dining chamber, not a den
of controuersies, when the king himselfe was content to keepe his so.
Georges day in a plaine paire of kerse hose: when the duke, erle, lord,
knight, gentleman and esquire, aimed at vertue, not pride: and wore
such breeches as was spun in his house, then the lawyer was a simple
man, and in the highest degree but a bare scrivener, except Judges of
the land, which take in hand serious matters, as treasons, murders
felons and such capitall offences, but sildome was there any Pleas
put in before that proud upstart velvet breeches, so; his maintenance
invented strange controuersies, and since he began to dominate in Eng-
land, he hath buyd such a proud, bulle, couetous & inroaching humo-
r into every mans head, that lawyers are growne to be one of the chiefe
lims of the common wealth; so; they do now adates de lana caprina
rixare, goe to lawe if a hen do but scrape in his Maychard: but howso-
euer right be, might carries away the verbid: if a poore man sue a
Gentleman, why hee shoots vp to the skie, and the arrowe falls on his
own head, howsoeuer the cause goe the weakest is thrust to the wall,
lawiers are troubled with the heat of the liver, which makes the pal-
mes of their hands so hot that they cannot be cold unless they be rubb
with the oyle of angels, but the poore mā that stirs but his bare fee,
o; perhaps pleads in forma pauperis, hee hunteth so; hares with a ta-
ber, & graspeth in the darke to find a needle in a bottle of hay, tush these
lawiers haue such delatoz & frozen pleas, such doymers, such quibs &
quibbids, that begging their clients they purchase to themselves
whole lordships, it boosteth not men to discourse their little conscience,
& great exhortatiō, only suffice they be not so rich as they be bad, & yet
they be but to welthy. I thinke not against law no; honest lawiers,
so; there be some well qualified, but against extorting Ambodexters
& wiving the poore, & because I know not whether this be such a one o;
no, I challenge him not to be of my Jury. Why the, qd I tis wo;ship
may depart, & the I questioned what he in the buffe ertin was, ma-
ry quoth he, I am a sericant, he had no sooner said so but velvet bree-
ches leapt back, and drawing his rapier, swoze hee wd not onely chal-
lenge him so; his iury, but protested if he stird one foot towards him,
hee would make him eate a peece of his poyard. And what is the
reason qd. I, that there is such moystall hatred betwixt you and the
sericant? Wher qd. velvet breeches, search him, and I warrant you
the knave hath pcept vpon pcept to arrest mee, hath woyn his
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mace smooth, with onely clapping it vpon my shoulder hee hath had mee vnder coram so often, oh that reprobate is the blasters, executioner to bring such Gentlemen to Limbo, as hee hath ouerthrowne with his base bzocage and bad commodities : and as you see him a fat knane with a foggie face, wherein a cup of old sack hath set a seale, to marke the bowlike drunkard to die of the dropie, so his conscience is consumed, and his hart robd of all remorse and pitye, that for money he wil betray his owne father, for wil a cozmozant but see him to arrest a young Gentleman, the rakehell wil be so eager to catch him, as a dogge to take a beare by the eares in Parish garden, and when he hath laid hold vpon him, he vseth him as courtuously as a butchers cur would do an ore cheeke, when hee is hungry, if he see the Gentleman hath money in his purse, then straight with a cap and knie he carries him to the tauerne, and bids him send for some of his friends to bale him, but first he conuents to haue some base of angels for his paines, and besides hee takes for wine as greedily, as if the knanes mother had been brot against a hoghead when hee was begotten, but suppose the Gentleman wants pence, he wil either haue a pawne or else bzige him to the counter, without respect of manhood or honesty, I should spend the whole day with displaying his villanies, therefore briefly let this suffice, hee was neuer made by the consent of God, but his stonely carcase was framd by the Drnell, of the rotten carian of a woollie, and his soule of an tlners damned ghost turnd out of hell, into his body to do monstrous wickednes again vpon y earth, so that he shal be none of my iury, neither shall hee come nearer mee then the length of my rapier will suffer him. In deede quoth Cloth-bzarches generally sericants hee bad, but there bee amongst them some honest men, that will do their duties with lawfull fauour: for to say truth, if sericants were not, how should men come by their debts (marry they are so cruel in their office, that if they arrest a pooze man, they will not suffer him (if hee hath no money) to stay a quarter of an houre to talke with his creditoz, although perhaps at the meeting they might take composition, but only to the counter with him viles he will lay his peisner, bzasse, comerlets, sherts, or such household stuffe, to them for payme of payment of some coine for their staying: therefore let him depart out of the place, for his roome is better then his company.

Well then quoth I, what say you to these thre, and with that I questioned their names, the one said hee was a Summer, the other

A Gaoler, and the third an Informer: Iesus blasse me (quoth Cloth
byrches) what a Cing was here gathered together, no doubt Yet is
broke loose, and the Diuel means to kepe holiday, I make challenge
against them al, as against worse men than those that gave euidence
against Christ: for the Summer it bootes me to say little more against
him, then Chaucer did in his Canturbury tales, who said hee was a
knaue, a byber & a bawd, but leauing that authoritie although it bee
authentically, yet thus much I can say of my selfe, that these drunken
brosy sonnes go a tooting abroad (as they themselves term it) which
is to heare if any man hath got his maid with child or plaies the god
scold with his neighbours wife, if hee finde a hole in any mans coate
that is of wealth, then he hath his peremptory scitacion ready to scite
him vnto the Archdeacons or officials court, there to apere & abide
the shame & penalty of the lawe, the man perhaps in god credit with
his neighbours, loath to bring his name in question, greifeth the sum-
mer in the flit, and then he wipes him out of the booke, and suffer him
to get twenty with child, so he keepe him warme in the hand: he hath
a saying to wanton wines, & they are his good dames, and as long as
they feede him with cheere, bacon, capons & such od reuerfions, they are
honest, and be they neuer so bad, he swears to the official, complaints
are made vpon enuy, and the women of good behaviour: tush what
bawdry is it: he wil not suffer, so he may haue mony and good chere,
and if hee like the wench well a snatch himselfe, for they know all the
whores in a country, & are as lecherous companions as may be, to be
breefe, the summer liues vpon sins of people: & out of harlatri gets he
all his commodity. As for the Gaoler, although I haue bene little
troubled in prison to haue experierce of his knauery, yet I haue heard
the poore prisoners complaine how cruell they bee to them, extorting
with extraordinary fees, selling a duble curtall (as they call it) with
a duble iug of beere for 2 pence, which containes not aboue a pint &
a halfe: let a poore mā be arrested into one of the counters, though hee
but set his foot in the but halfe an hour, he shal be almost at an āgels
charge, what with garnish, crosseing and wiping out of the booke,
turning the key, paying the chamberline, saying for his Zury, and
twenty such extortions inuented by themselves, and not allowed by
any statute, God bles me gaoler from your denhousees, as I wil kepe
you from coming in my quest, and to you *Q.* Informer, you that
looke like a ciuil Citizen, or some handsome petty-fogger of the law:

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although your crimson nose betrays you can sup off a coole cup of sack without any chetung, yet haue you as much sic knauery in your side pouch there, as would byed the confusion of forty honest men. It may bee sir you maruell why I exclaime against the Insourmer sth hee is a most necessary member in the commonwealth, and is highly to the Princes aduantage for the benefit of pennall statutes and other abuses, wherof hee gineth speciall intelligences: To wipe out this doubt, I speake not against the Office but the Officer, against such as abuse lawe when they should vse it, and such a one I gesse this fellow to be, by the carnation tincture of his ruby nose. Wherefore let vs search his bagge, and see what trash you shall finde in it: with that although the Insourmer were very loath, yet was pluckt out the stuffing of his pouch, and in it was found a hundred & od wittes: Wherof I woundyed: and Clothbatches smiling bad mee read the Labels, and the parties names, and then examine the Insourmer how many of them he knewe, and wherein they had offended: I followed his counsaile, and of all he knewe but thys: neither could hee tel what they had done a misse to be arrested, and brought in question.

Clothbatches saing mee stand in a mase, began thus to resolue mee in my doubt, perhaps, quoth hee, you maruell, why the Insourmer hath all these wittes, and knowes neither the parties nor can obiect any offence to them: To this I answers: that it being a long vacation, hee learned in the roilde all those mens names, and that they were men of indifferent wealth: How meanes hee to go abroad and search them out and arrest them, and though they knewe not wherein, or for what cause they should be troubled, yet rather then they will come vp to London and spend their money, they will bestow some od Angell vpon maister Insourmer, and so sit at home in quiet. But suppose some bee so stubborne as to stand to the triall, yet can this cunning knaue declare a Tamquam against them, so that though they bee cleared, yet can they haue no recompence at all, for that hee doth it in the courts behalfe. I will not unfold his villanies, but hee is an abuser of good lawes and a very knaue, and so let him be, with his fellows. I both woundyed & laught to heare Clothbatches make this discourse, when I saue two in y^e bally together by the eares, the one in leather, the other as black as the Dinell: I stept to them to part the fraie, and questioned what they were, and wherefore they

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hatched? Harry quoth hee, that looke like Lucifer, though I am black, I am not the Diuell, but indeed a Colier of Croiden, and one fir that haue sold many a man a false sack of coales, that both wanted measure, and was halfe full of dust and dross.

Indeed I haue been a Lieger in my time in London, and haue plaied many mad pranks, for which cause, you may apparantly see I am made a cortall, for the Pilloze (in the sight of a great many good and sufficient witnesses) hath eaten off both my eares, and now fir this Kopemaker hunteth mee here with his halters. I gesse him to be some euill spirit, that in the likeness of a man, would since I haue past the Pilloze, perswade me to hang my selfe for my old offences, and therefore sith I cannot blesse mee from him in Nomine patris, I lay Spiritus Sanctus about his shoulders with a good crab-tree cud-gell, that hee may get out of my company.

The Kopemaker replied, that honestly iourneying by the way, he acquainted himselfe with the Collier, and for no other cause pretended. Honest with the Diuell, quoth the Collier, how can hee be honest, whose mother I gesse was a witch. for I haue heard them say, that witches say their praiers backward, and so both the Kopemaker yeerne his liuing by going backward, & the knaues chiefe liuing is by making fatall instruments, as halters and ropes, which diuers desperate men hang themselves with. Well quoth I, what say you to these, shall they be on the Jury? Clothbatches said nothing, but Clothbatches said, in the Kopemaker hee found no great falschood in him, therefore hee was willing hee should be one, but for the Collier hee thought it necessary, that as he came so hee should depart. In then I had the Kopemaker stand by till more came, which was not long, for there came thre in a cluster. As soon as they dyem'd, I spied one, a fat churle with a fide russet coate to his knee, and his hands all to tanned with shifting his Duse, yet would I not take notice what they were, they but questioned with them of their severall occupations. Harry quoth the first, I am a tanner, the second a shoemaker, and the third a Currier: then turning to the Plaintife and Defendant, I asked them if they would allow of these parties. So by my faith quoth Clothbatches, I make challenge to them all, and I will yeld reasons of import against them: and first to you maister Tanner, are you a man woorthie to be of a Jury, when your conscience careth not to wrong the whole commonwealth, you respect not publike

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commodity, but private gaines: not to benefit your neighbour, but for to make the proude pyncore your sonne an vpstart Gentleman, and because you would marry your Daughter, at the least to an Esquire that shee may if it be possible, be a Gentlewoman, & how comes this to passe by your tanner-sals for sooth: for, whereas by the anciente lawes and statutes of England, you should let a hide lye in the Duse at the least nine moneths, you can make good leather of it before three moneths, you haue your Douse done, your Parle, your Ashen barke and a thousande things more, to bying on your Leather apace, that it is so badly Tanned, that when it comes to the wearinge, then it flatters away like a peece of brown paper: and whereas your backs of all other should be the best tanned, you bying them so full of boznes to the market, that did you not grease the sealers of Leaden Hall thoroughly in the fist, they should neuer bee sealed, but turned away and made to flie by the statute. I cannot at large lay open your subtil practises, to beguile the poore communalty with bad leather. But let this suffice, you leaue no villany vnsought, to bying the block head your sonne to go before the Clowne his father, trimly trickt vp in a paire of belnet breeches.

Now maister Carrier to your coolenage, you cannot bee content only to burne the leather you dyesse for want of liqour, because you would make the Shoemaker pay well and you put in little stuffe: and besides, whereas in backs you should only put in Tallow hard and good, you put in softe kitchen stuffe mirt, and so to make the good and well tanned Leather by your villany to flie and wast away, but also you grow to bee an extoyling knave, and a foressaller of the market, for you will buy leather, skins, backs and Calue skins, and sell them to the poore Shoemakers at an unreasonable rate, by your false retaylinge, getting infinite goods by that excessive price: both vndoing the poore Shoemaker, and causing vs that we pay extreamely for shoes. For if the Carrier bought not Leather by the whole of the Tanner, the Shoemaker might haue it at a more reasonable price: but the Shoemaker being poore, is not perhaps able to deale with a bicker of hides nor perhaps with a couple of backs, and the Tanner will not trust him: then the extoyling and coolening Carrier comes vp with this, I will lend you for a day and so pincheth him, that hee is scarce able to finde his children bread.

But well hath the Prince and the honorable Lords of the priue counsaile

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counsaile provided by an act of Parliament, that no Carrier shall buy leather either backs or hides of the Tanner, so to bydle the crossting and foystalling coolenage, but craftilper and subtellet hath the knave Carrier crobotten the statute, in that he deales thus with the Tanner, hee makes him hold his leather unreasonably to the shoemaker, and so when hee cannot sell it, hee laies it vp in the Curriers house, vnder a colour whereas indeed hee hath sold it him.

Suppose this Gist be spied and prevented: then compoundeth hee with some knave shoemaker, some base rakehell without a conscience, that neither respecteth God, the commonwealth, nor his company, and so selleth hee is halfe with the Carrier, who letteth him haue some hundred marke to lay out for leather every moneth, wherein hee spendes not in his shop a hundred markes worth in a yeare: so the shoemaker buies it to abuse the statute for the Carrier, & the Carrier by that means vndereth the other shoemakers: thus two crafty knaves are met and they made no byrker.

Now to you gentle craft, you masse shoemakers: you can put in the inner sole, of thin Calues skin, when as the shoe is a neates leather shoe, which you know is cleane contrary both to conscience and the statute. Beside, you wil ioine a neates leather hampy to a calves leather heele: is not here good stuffe maister shoemaker? Well for your knavery, you shall haue those curses which belongs vnto your craft: you shall bee light footed to trauell far, light witted vpon every small occasion to giue your maister the bag, you shall be most of you vnthrifts, and almost all perfect goodfellows. Beside I remember a merry iest how Mercury brought you to a dangerous disease, for he requested a boone for you, which fell out to your great disadvantage, and to recreate vs here a little gentle craft, what fell to your trade by that winged God. As it happened on a time that Iupiter & Mercury trauieling together vpon earth, Mercury was wonderfully hungry and had no money in his purse to buy him any foode, and at last to his great comfort hee spied where a company of Tailors were at Dinner with butred pease, eating their pease with their needles pointes one by one: Mercury came to them and asked them his almes, they proude had him sit downe and do as hee saw they did, and with that deliuered him a needle. The poore God being passing hungry, could not content his maue with eating one by one, but turned the eie of his needle and ate twogo together; which
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the Taylors seeing they start vpp and said: what fellow, a shovell and a spade, to buttred pease, hast thou no moze manners, get out of our company, and so they sent him packing with many flashes.

Mercury comming back, Iupiter demanded of him what newes: and hee told him how chortlishly hee was used amongst the Taylors, well, wandring on further, Mercury espied where a company of shoemakers were at Dinner with powdered beere and hzwelle, going to them befoze hee could aske them any almes, they said, welcome good fellow, what is thy stomach vp, wilt thou do as we do, and tast of beere, Mercury thanked them and sat downe and eate his belly full, and drank well of double beere, and when hee had done went home to his maister.

Assoone as hee came Iupiter asked him what newes, and hee said: I haue lighted amongst a crue of shoemakers, the best fellows that ever I met withall, they haue frankly sed mee without grudging, and therefore graunt mee a boone for them.

Aske what thou wilt Mercury, quoth hee, and it shall bee doone, why then quoth hee, graunt that for this good turne they haue done mee, they may ever spend a groat asoze they can yearne two pence. It shall bee graunted quoth hee.

Mercury assoone as Iupiter had said the word, hee bethought himselfe and said: say but that they may yearne a groat asoze they spend two pence, for my tongue slip at the first, well, Mercury quoth hee, it cannot bee recald the first with must stand, and hereof by Mercuris boone it grew, that all of the gentle craft are such good fellows & spendethyftes. But howsoener, none of those thys, neither shoemaker, Tanner, nor Carrier, shal be accepted to be of the Jury.

As they went away with fleas in their eares, baring thus taunted by Clothbyrches, we might see where there came a troupe of ancient Gentlemen, with their seruungmen attending vpon them. The soze most was a great old man, with a white beard al in russet, and a fair black cloake on his back, & attending on him hee had some fine men, their cognifance as I remember was a Peacock without a taile, the other two that accompanied him, seemed meener then himselfe. But yet Gentlemen of good wo:ship, wherevpon I went towards them & saluted them, & was so bold as to question what they were and of their busines. The most ancientest answered hee was a knight, and those two his neighbors, the one anesquire, the other a gentlemā and that

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that they haue no urgent affaires, but only to walke abroad to take the fresh aire. Then too I shew them both Clothynges, and belurethynges, & told them the controuersy, & desired their aide to be vpon the Jury. They smiling answered, they were content, & so did Clothynges seem to reioyce, that such honest ancient English gentlemen should be triers of his title. But belurethynges scoffing, kept in & made challenge to them al. I demanded the reason why he should refuse Gentlemen of so good calling? And he made me this answer.

Why you may see the inward minde by the outward apparrell, & see how he is aduised by the homely robes he is suted in. Why this knight is mozt all enemy to pride & so to me, he regardeth hospitality & aimeth at honoꝝ with relaxing the poore, you may see although his landes & revenues be great, & he able to maintaine himselfe in great haue, yet he is content with home spun cloth, & scorneth the pride that is vsed now a daies amongst young vpsstarts, he holdeth not the worth of his Sentry to be & consist in belurethynges, but valeweth true fame by the report of the common sort, who praise him so; his vertue, Justice, liberality, housekeeping & almesdeedes, Vox populi vox Dei, his tenants & farmers would if it might bee possible, make him immoztall with their praises & praises. He raiseth no rent, racketh no lands, taketh no incomes, impleth no mercilesse fines, caries not an other, buyeth no house ouer his neighbours head: but respecteth his countrey & the commoditie thereof, as deere as his life. He regardeth moze to haue the needy fed, to haue his hoꝝd garnished with full platters, thn to famous himself w excellen furniture in apparell. Since then he scorneth pride, he must of soze proclaim himself mine enemy, and therefore he shall be none of my Jury, & such as himselfe I gesse the Squire and the Gentleman & therefore I challenge them all thre. Why quoth I this is strange, that a man should be byawne from a quest so; his goodnesse. If me so; vertue be challenged, whome shall we haue vpon the Jury, your obiection helpes not maister belurethynges: so; if hee be a man of so goodly a disposition, he will neither speake so; feare o; fauour, hee will regard neither the riches of the one, no; the plaine pouerty of the other, whereupon sith you haue made mee trier, I allow them all thre to bee of the Jury, and so I requested them to sit down till our Jury was full, which they courteously did, although belurethynges frownd at it. When I looking so; moze, saw where there came a troop of men in apparell carrying poore

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honest Citizens, in all they were eight. I demanded of them what they were, & whether they were going. One of them that seemed the wealthiest, who was in a furred Jacket made answer, that they were all friends going to the burial of a neighbour of theirs, that yester night died, and if it would do me any pleasure to heare their names, they were not so dainty but that they would tell them, and so then hee began to tell me, that by his art hee was a Skinner, the second said hee was a Joiner, the third was a Sadler, the fourth a Waterman, the fifth was a Cutler, the sixth was a Bellows mender, the seventh a Plasterer, and the eighth a Painter. In good time quoth I, it is commendable when neighbours loue so wel together, but if your spade be not ouermuch, I must request you to be of a Jury, so I discoursed vnto them the controversy betwene Cloth-batches, Wel-ues-batches, and to what issue it must grow by a verbid, they seemed all content, and I turned to the plaintiffe and defendant, and asked if they would make challenge to any of these. I scoone qd. Welues-batches, to make any great obiection against them, sith they be mechanical men, and I almost hold them indifferent, for this I know, they get as much & more by me than by him, the Skinner I vse so; furses, whereas this base Cloth-batches hath scarce a gowne faced once in his life, the Sadler for costly imbrodered saddls, the Joiner for sailing my house, the Cutler for gilt rapiers, the Waterman I vse continually, ten times for his once, and so likewise the Plasterer, for the Wel-lows mender alas poore snake I knowe him not, for the Painter by our Lady I thinke I am some tenne pounds in his debt for bookes, so that for my part let them all passe. And for mee too, qd. Cloth-batches, but yet a little to put them in remembrance of their follies, let mee haue about with them all, and first with you mailer Skinner, to whome I can say little but only this, that whereas you should only put the backs of skennes into facing, you take the wombs and so deuise the buier, besides if you haue some fantallike skin brought you not worth two pence, with some strange spots though it be of a libbet, you will sweare tis a most precious skin and came from Musco or the furthest parts of Calabria. The Sadler he stufes his pannels with straw or hay and ouer glaseth them with haire, and makes the leather of them of moyle or tanned sheeps skins. The Joiner though an honest man, yet hee maketh his ioints weake, and putteth in sap in the moyteses, which should be the hart of the tree, and all to make his

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stiffe tender. And you Cutler, you are patron of ruffians and swash-
bucklers, and will sell them a blade that may be thrust into a bushel.
but if a poore man come that cannot skil offe, you sel him a sword or
rapier newe englaied, and sweare the blade rayne either 2. 6 Turkie
or Toledo. Now maister waterman you wil say there is no subtilty
in you, so; there is none so simple but that knows your fares, & what
is due betwene Orenwicke and London: & how you earne your mo-
ney painfully with the sweat of your browes, all this is true, but let
me to helpe one thing in your eare, y^e u will play the goodfellowe to
much if you be well greased in the fist, so; if a poore Gentleman & a
pretty wench come to you and say, waterman, my friend and I meane
to go by water and to be merry a night or two, I care not which way
no; whether we go, and therefore where thou thinkest we may haue
best lodging thither carry vs: then off goes your cap and away they
go, to baine and so some other place, and then you say hostesse I pray
you bid this Gentleman and his wife wel, they are come out of Lon-
don to take the aire & meane to bee merry here a night or two, and to
spend their money frankly, when God wot they are neither man no;
wife, no; perhaps of any acquaintance before their matche made in
some balby tauerne, but you know no such matter, & therefore wa-
terman I pardon you. And so; you Plasterer and Wellofmenter
I passe you ouer, and so do I the Wintar so, only this I must needs
say to him that some of his trade will print letw^d bookes, and balby
pamphlets, but Aui sacra famer quid non: and therefore I am con-
tent they shal be al of the iury. I was glad there were so many accep-
ted of at once, and hoped that now quickly the iury would be full, lo-
king about me, straight I might be one ale ne come running as fast as
he could. I wonderd what he should be that he made such haste, & the
sumner told me he was an honest man, and one of their company, by
his occupation abridger. Wh^o qd. Weinst^rarches, a good hould sim-
ple man, he hath ben long in my worke, in building me a sumptuous
house. But I challenge him, qd. Cloth^rarches, so; he is a singler, Now
qd. I, can it be, see he goeth very homely in leather and hath his ruler
in his hand & his trowel at his side, & he seemeth not as one that were
giuen to such qualities, yes qd. cloth^rarches, he hath this policy, to be
he maketh a stately place all glorious to the eie and full of faire cham-
bers and goodly roomes, and about the house perhaps some
thre score Chimneys, yet hee cannot so cunningly call by his art,

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that these of the shall not smoke in the twelve moneth, & so spoiles her much good master & byrche. **By** then **q.** The fault is not in the workman but in the housekeeper, for when aduises men builde for to please the eye, not to profit the poore. they vse no roff, but for themselves and their household. no; no fire but a litle court chimney in their own chamber. how can the poore byrche later then be blamed, when the niggardnes of the lord or master is the cause no more chimnies do smoke, so; would they vse ancient hospitality as there forefathers did, & valua as lightly of pride as their great grandfathers, then should you see every chimney in the house smoke, & proue that the poore artificer had done his part. **By** then **q.** Clothbyrches as you please, admit him on the quest. But what be these **q.** Clothbyrches, that come hère so soberly? I hope they be honest men, so; they looke very demure. I will inquire said I, and with that stepping to them, I demanded their names & very courteously the one said he was a byrcher, the other a butcher, the third a baker, & the fourth a viler. Hearing what they were, I was glad, guessing sith they were so honest substantiall men, that they would help to make by the Jury, when Velvet-byrches with a grime & sower countenance gaue them this challenge. I hold it not necessary (quoth he) that these haue any thing to deale in my cause, sith I am at odds with them al, at least in forty pounds a pece, so; this seuen yeares I haue beene indebted unto them for bread, hère, beere & other vituals, then sith they haue credited mee long, & I haue had so litle care to pay them, I doubt now they will reuenge themselves & passe against me in the verdict. **May** (quoth I) the rather will they hold on your part, so; if they be honest wise men (as they seeme to be) they will be carefull of your preferment, seeing the more highly they are aduancèd, the more like are they to come by their owne. If therefore you can obiect no other points of dishonesty against them, I see no reason why they should bee put by. If you doe not (quoth Clothbyrches) then heare mee & I will proue them vnil to haue any dealings hère, & first for the Butcher. I pray you good man withalfe, what hauck play you with passing by of meate, and blowing with your prier as you flea it, haue you not your artificiall fineries to set out your meate with pyches, & then sware he hath more so; more the euer you bought, to sel a pece of an old Cow for a chop of a young Doe, to wash your old meate that hath hung weltring in the shop with new blood, to trusse away an old eate in stead

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of a young weaſther, & although you know it is hurtfull & forbidden by the ſtatutes to ſhen your hides, ſkines, tacks, with cuts & ſlaſhes to the impoveriſhing of the poore ſhewmaker when hee buies it, yet I pray you how many ſlaughters do you make in a poore Calnes ſkine. Oh Butcher, a long lent be your punishment, for you make no conſcience in deceiuing the poore. And you maſt Brewer that growe to be worth ſorty thouſand pounds by your ſelling of ſode water what ſubtilty haue you in making your beere, to ſpare the malt & put in the more of the hop to make your drinke (be Barly neuer ſo cheape) not a whit the ſtronger, & yet neuer ſell a whit the more meaſure for money, you can when you haue taken all the hart of the malt away, then clap on ſtoze of water tis cheape enough, & maſt out a tunnynge of ſmale beere, that it ſcours a mans matwe like renniſh wine: in your conſcience how many barrells drinke you out of a quarter of malt? Hee I conceale your falſhood, leaſt I ſhould bee too broad in ſetting downe your faults. And for you godman Baker, you that loue to be ſene in the open market place vpon the Pillory, the world cries out of your wickedneſſe, you craue but one beere yeare to make your daughter a Gentlewoman, you buy your coyne at the beſt hand & yet will not be content to make your bread weight by many ounces, you put in peaſt & ſalt to make it heauy, and yet all your policy cannot make it but you ſine for the Pillory, the poore cry out, the rich find fault, & the Lord Batio, & the Sheriffs like honorable & weythyfull maiſtrates, every day walke abroad & weigh your bread, & yet all will not ſerue to make you honeſt men, but were extremity vſed, & the ſtatute put in the higheſt degree in practice, you would haue as ſew eares on your heades as the Collier. Laſt to you Comptroller, that ſay your ſmale cannes of beere to the poore, & yet ſell them halfe ſol of froth that carde your hore (if you ſee your gueſts begin to be drunke) halfe ſmal & halfe ſtrong, you cannot bee content to pinch with your ſmall pots & your Dirty ſaggots: but haue your truggs to drinke men on to bil- lany, and to bring customers to your houſe, where you ſell a pint of meate for xii. pence that coſt you ſcarſe fix, & if any chance to go on the ſhoze, you ſhoze him when hee is a ſleepe, & ſet by a groat a day more then he hath, to finde you drinkeing pots with your companions: to be ſhort, thou art a knaue, & I like not of any of the reſt, the way liſe be- fore you, and therefore you may bee gon, for you ſhall bee none of the queſt, I ſmild to ſee Clothierches ſo peremptory, when I ſaw ſine

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fat fellows all in damask cotes & gownes welled with Welnet very
brave, & in great consultation, as if they were to determine of some
weighty matter, & alwing nere I saw they were welled by Citizens, so
I went & recurrently saluted them, & told them how wee needed their
aide about the appealing of a controuersie, shewing them where the
knight, esquire, and other staid, tell we might finde men to fill by the
jury they were contented, but velvet breeches excepted against so
uer of them and said they were none of his friends, that was the mar-
chant goldsmith mercer, & Draper, his allegations were these, that
they were all fettered of one linge to fetch in young Gentlemen by
commodities vnder the colour of lending of money: for the Merchant
deliuered the pson, Tin, Lead, boys, Sugars, Spices, Oiles, & other
paper & whatsoever else from six moneths to six moneths, which
when the poore Gentleman came to sell againe, hee could not make
thre skoye & ten in the hundred beside the blury. The Mercer he sol-
lo weth the best art Gentleman that hath no gouernemet of himselfe,
& he sweeth his humor to go by aue, he shall not want silkes, Wattins,
Welrets, to prapack abroad in his pomp, but with this promise, that
he must bind ouer his land in a statute merchant as Draper, & so at last
forfeit all vnto the mercilesse mercer, & leane himselfe neuer a foot of
ground in England, which is the reason that for a few remnaunts
of veluets and silkes the Mercer creepeth into whole fleets of ships. The
Goldsmith is not behinde, for most of them deale with blury, and let
young Gentlemen haue commodities of plate for ten in the hundred,
but they must lose the fashion in selling it againe (which cuts them
soe) before they are most of them sild in alchimy, & can temper met-
tales shrewdly, with no little profit to themselves, & disadvantage to
the buyer, beside puffed rings, & quaint conceits which I omit. And so
for you Draper, he fetcheth them off for liuery cloth and cloth for six
moneths & six, & yet hath he more knacks in his budget, for he hath so
dark a stop, that no man can wel choose a pce of cloth if it shadows
the dye & the thread, a man shal be deceived in the wooll and the nap,
they cause the clothworker so to presse them, before hee impleth this
charge to the Clothworker that he drawe his cloth and pul it passing
hard whē he sets it vpon the tenter, that he may haue it fol breadth
and length till thread and ball teare and rent in peeces, what care they
for that, haue they not a draper to serue their turne to drawe and
seame by the holes so cunningly that it shall neuer bee espied: my self
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have laine in one broad cloth eightene score holes toyme rackt and
puld by the Clothwozker, only to please the Dzafer and deceue the
commonwealth. To be shoyt, the Clothwozker what with rowing &
setting in a fine nap, with powdering it & pressing it, with shering the
wooll to the pzoofe of the thyard, deale so cunningly that they pzooue
themselues the Dzaferes minister to execute his subtilties, therefore
if he chance to come let him be remembred. Now sir for the Vintner,
he is an honest substantial man a friend to all goodfellows, & truly my
friend for my mony & woorth by bee of the iury. Why, no qd. Cloth-
bzeches I am of another mind, for I hold him as deceitfull as any of
the rest, what the vintner whp, hee is a kinde of Negromancer, for at
midnight when all men are in bed, then hee forsooth falls to his charmes
& spels, so that he tumbles one hoghead into another, and can make a
cup of claret that hath lost his colour looke high with a dash of red
wine at his pleasure, if hee hath a strong gaseigne wine, for feare it
should make his guests to some dyonke, hee can allay it with a small
Rochel wine: he can cherish vp white wine with sack, & perhaps if you
bid him wash the pot cleane when hee goes to draw you a quart of
wine, hee will leaue a little water in the bottome, and then draw it
ful of wine & what and if he doo tis no harme, wine & water is good a-
gainst the heat of the liuer. It were infinit to rehearse the togling of
Vintners, the disorder of their houses, especially of the persons that
frequent them, & therefore sith Cluctbzeches hath put by the Har-
chant, goldsmith, mercer, & Dzafer, the vintner shall go with them for
company. As these were going away in a snaf, for being thus plainly
taunted, we might se a mad merry crue come leaping ouer the field as
frolicly as if they ought not al the world two pence, & drawing nea-
rer we might perceine that either bottle-ale or beere had made a
fraie with them, for the lifting of their feete shewed the lightnesse of
their heads, the foremost was plaine country sir John, or becar that
proclaimed by yrednesse of his nose he did go oftner into the alehouse
than the pulpit, and him I asked what they were and whether they
were going: what are you qd. the priest, that standeth by the high way
to examine me & my friends, heeres none in my company but are able
to answere for themselues, I seeing they were all set on a merry pin,
told the cause, and how the controuersie grewe betwixt Cloth-
bzeches and Cluct-bzeches and that wee needed them to bee
of the quest. Harry (quoth sir John) a good motion, know these all
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are my parishioners, & we haue bene drinking with a poxe man, and spending our money with him, a neighbour of ours that hath lost a cow, now for our names and our trades, this is a smith, the second a weaver, the third a miller, the fourth a cooke, the fift a carpenter, the sixt a glouer, & seauenth a pedler, & eight a tinker, the ninth a water-borer, the tenth a husbandman, the eleuenth a diar, and the twelfth a la ioy, and I their Ticker: how could you sir haue a fitter Jury than me and my parishioners: you are a litle to braxe, go. Cloth-braches, are you not some puritane P. parson, or some fellow that raiseth vp new sciens and heresies amongst your people: A plague on them al quoth I sir, for the world was neuer in quiet deuotion, neighbour-hood nor hospitalitie neuer flourished in this land, since such upstart boies & shittie witted soles became of the ministry, I cannot tel, they preach faith, faith, and say that doing of almes is papistry, but they haue taught so long Fides solem iustificat, that they haue preached good wordes quite out of our Parish, a poxe man shal as soon break his neck as his salt at a rich mans doore: for my friend, I am indeede none of the best scholers, yet I can read an Homely every Sunday & hollyday, and haue company with my neighbours, and go to the ale-house with them, and if they be fallen out, spende my money to make them friends, & on the Sundais sometime if good fellowship cal me away, I say both morning & evening praier at once, & so let them haue a whole afternoone to play in. This is my life, I spende my living with my parishioners, I seek to do al good, and I offer no man harm.

Well (go Cloth-braches) I warrant thou art an honest Ticker, and therefore stand by, thou shalt be one of the quest, and for you Smith, I see no great fault in you, you perne your living with the sweat of your browes, & there can bee no great knauery in you, only I would haue you to mend your life for drinking, sith you are neuer at quiet vntill the pot be still at your nose. But you weaver, the P. ouerbe puts you down for a crafty knave, you can filch and steale almost as well as the Tailor, your waste and warpe is so cunningly drauons out that you plague the poxe countrey With wines for their perne, and dawbed on so much dregs that you make it same both wel wrought and to beare weight, when it is slenderly wouen, and you haue stolne a quarter of it from the poxe wife, Alway be packing, for you shall be cashiered. What Miller, make bandes with your brother the Weauer for knauery: You can take toll twice, and haue false hoppers to con-
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conary away the poore mans meale. He gone I loue not your duff
lookes, and for company Goodman Cooke go you with them, for you
cousen the poore men and country Learners with your filthy meate:
you will buy of the worst & cheapest, when it is bad enough for dogs,
and yet so powder it & parboile it, that you will sell it to some honest
poore men, and that vnreasonably to: If you leaue any meate ouer
night, you make a shift to heat it againe the next day: Say, if on
the Thursday at night there be any left, you make pies of it on Sunday
mornings, and almost with your sowerly knauey poison the poore
people. To be short, I brooke you not, and therefore be walking. For
the Carpenter, Glouer, and Waterbearer, the Husbandmen, Dier,
& Shallo, with your trades haue but petty sights, stand you to Pa-
ster Mear, you are like to helpe to gine in the verbid: but for the ped-
ler and the Tinker, they are two notable knaues, both of an haire, &
both coken Germanes to y^e Diuell. For the tinker, why he is a dyo-
sis, batody, drunken companion, that walke up & down with a trug
after him, and in stopping our eares he makes thar: & if in conuenient
place he mates with one alone, perhaps rille him o; her of all that e-
uer they haue. A base knaue without feare of God o; lone to any
one, but to his whoze and himselfe. The Pedler as bad o; rather
worse, walketh the country with his docksey at the least, if hee haue
not two his moyses bels, and Autem morris, hee passeth commonly
through euery paire of stocks, either for his drunkenesse o; his le-
cherie. And beside it is reported you can lift o; nip a bounge like a
guire Coue, if you want pence, & that you carry poor pack but for a
colour to shadow your other villanies, well howsoeuer, you are both
knaues and so be logging. Well qd I suppose the iury be almost full.
I beleue we want not aboue thar o; four persons: looke you whers
they come to make up the number, and they should be men of good dis-
position, for they came to be all of the country. Asone as they came
to vs I met them, and told them the matter, and they were content.

The one said hee was a Grasser, the other a Farmer, the other a
shephard to them both. What thinks you of these thar qd I: marry
saith Clementharches, two of them are honest men, but the other is
a base knaue: but tis no matter, shuffle him in amongst the rest. Say
by your leaue quoth Cloth-barches, I will shuffle out these two for
they are very Coymozants of the Country, and deuoure the poore
people with their monstrous exaction. And first I allodge against
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the Graſſer that he ſellalleth paſturs and meadow grounds, for the ſarding of his cattell, and loyngeth leaſes of them out of poore mens hands, and in his buying of cattell he committeth great abuſe, for if it proue a wet yeare, then hee maketh hauck and ſelleth deare: if it be a dry yeare, then hee ſelleth cheape, and yet having paſture keeps them till he may come to his owne priſe: he knoweth as well as the Butcher by the ſide of a Bullough how much Wallow he will yelde, what his quarters will amount unto: what the Tanner will giue for the Hide: nay, what the ſowle wines are able to make of the inward: ſo that he ſell it ſo deare to the Butcher, that he can ſcarce lue of it, and therefore what ſubtilty the Butcher vſeth cometh from the Graſſer, ſo that I exempt him from the queſt as a bad member, and an ill friend to Clothworkers. And for you maſſe Farmer, you know how thorough you couetous Land-ſo:ds raiſe their rents, for if a poore man haue but a plough land, if you ſee his paſtures beare good graſſe: and his earable ground good cozne: and that he proſpereth and goeth ſo; ward on it and proſpereth and maintaineth his wife and ſeruants honeſtly, then *liquidus alterius rebus marceſcit opus, vicioumque pecus grandius vber habet.*

Then ſtraight enny pricks the Farmer ſo; ward and hee bids the Landlozd far more then the poore man paies yearly for it: ſo that if hee bee a Tenant at will, hee puts him out to beg in the ſtreat: or when his leaſe comes out hee ouer loates him in the ſine, and thus blood ſucketh hee the poore for his owne private proſite. Beſides the baſe churle if he ſee a ſo; ward yeare & that cozne is like to be plenty, then he murmureth againſt God, and ſwereth and proteſteth he ſhall be vndone: reſpecting more the filling of his owne coffers by a dearth, then the profit of his country by a generall plenty. Beſide ſir may it pleaſe you, when new cozne comes into the market, who brings it in to relieue the ſtate? Not your maſterſhip, but the poore huſbandman, that wants pence. For you keepe it till the back end of the yeare nay you haue your Corners which haue cozne of two or three yeares old, upon hope ſtill of a deare yeare, rather letting the weaſels eate it, then the poore ſhould haue it at any reaſonable price. So that I conclude, you are a Cormorant of the common wealth, and a murther that lues of the ſpoile of the miſer, and ſo I leaue you to let with the Graſſer. Worry for the Shepheard, unleſſe it be that he killeth a Lambe now and then, and ſince the fox ſtole him, I know little craft in his budget, therefore

therefoze let him be amongst the honest men of the Jury.

Well Clothbyrches qd. J. you are very peremptory in your challenges, what say you here comes thre or four Citizens, will any of these serue turne, I cannot tell qd. hee till I know their names & conditions, with that I stept afoze the company, and inquired what they were, the eldest of the being a grane Citizen, said hee was a Grocer, the rest his god & honest neighbours, a Chandler, a Haberdasher, a Clothwozker, and two strangers, one a Gallon, the other a Dutchman. How like you of these qd. I to belnetbyrches. wel enough quoth he, soz I am a little acquainted with them, yet I know they fauour me, because I haue on a Sunday sene them all in there lities. I marry, quoth Clothbyrches, but they neuer get that bzaury with honesty, soz the Clothwozker his faults were laid open, before when we had the Dyaper in question: and therefore let him bee packing. For you chandler, I like not of your tricks, you are to couersant with the kitchenstuf wizes you after your wecke or snaffe is stiffened, you dip it in filthy dyos, & after giue him a coat of god tallowe, which makes the Candles drop and wast away, to the great hinderance of the poore wo:kemen that watcheth in the night. Beside you pinch in your twaights and haue false measures, and many other knaueries that I omit, but this be sure you shal not meddle in my matter: neyther the Haberdasher, soz hee trimes vp old felts and makes them very saire to the eye, and faceth & edgeth them neatly, & then hee turnes them away to such a simple man as I am: and so abuseth vs with his colesnage. Beside you buy gumd Tafa, where with you linc hats that will straight assander as sone as it comes to the heat of a mans head. No be byese, I am not well skild in your knaueries. But in dede you are to subtil for poore Clothbyrches, and therefore you shal be none of the Jury. Marry the Grocer seemes an honest man, and I am content to admit of him, only take this as a caveat by the way, that you buy of the Carbellers of spices, the refuse that they list from the merchant, and that you mix againe and sell it to your customers. Besides in your beaten spices, as in peper you put in bay berries, & such dyosse, and so wizing the poore. But these are sleight causes and so I ouerpasse them, and vouchsafe you to be of the quett. But I pray you what bee these two honest men: quoth the Grocer, the one a Dutchman and a Shoemaker, the other a Frenchman & a Pillainer in Sant Portins, and sels Shirts, Bands, Bracelets, Jewels, and such pretty toies for

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Gentlewomen: oh they be of Helvetbaches acquaintance, vpsstart as well as hee, that haue brought with them pride and abuses into England, and first to the Spanner. What toies deuiseth he to feede the humoꝝ of the vpsstart Gentleman withall, and of sond Gentlewomen, such fans, such gaches, such byoches, such byacelets, such graudcies, such periwigs, such paintings, such ruffes, and cuffs, as hath almost made England as full of proud foppies as Tirc & Sydon were. There is no Seamster can make a band oꝝ a shirt so well as his wife: and why so? sooth: because the filthy queane weares a craunce, and is a frenchwoman so? sooth. Where as our Englishwomen of the Exchange, are both better woꝝkwomen, and will affoord a better penwoꝝth. And so for the drunken Dutchman, this thomaker, hee and such as he is, abuse the common wealth, and the pooze mechanical men and handicrafts men of London, so? our new vpsstart fooles of Helvetbaches fraternity, liketh nothing but that the outlandish Ass maketh. They like no woo so well as the Dutchman maketh, when our English men passe them far, and so for chandlers, and all o-ther occupations, they are wronged by the Dutch and french. And therefore sith the Commons hates them, they cannot be my friends, and therefore let them be launching to flusking, so? they shall be no triers of my controuersie. Well quoth I, now I suppose the Jury is full, and we se no moze coming, let vs call them and se how many we haue, so they appeared to ther names, as follooweth.

The Names of the Jury to bee empanelled.

1 Knight.	13 Cutler.
2 Esquire.	14 Plaisterer.
3 Gentleman.	15 Saylor.
4 Priest,	16 Ropemaker.
5 Printer,	17 Smith.
6 Grocer.	18 Glouer.
7 Skinner.	19 Husbandman.
8 Dier.	20 Shepheard.
9 Pewterer.	21 Waterman,
10 Sadler.	22 Waterbearer.
11 Ioyner.	23 Bellowsmender.
12 Bricklaier.	

What is it not possible quoth I, to haue one more to make by the four and twenty? as I was thus speaking, I espied afar off, a certain kind of an ouerwozne Gentleman attired in Velvet and Sattin but it was some what drowped and greasie, and bootes on his legges, whose soles were thin & seemed to complaine of their Harder which treading thrust vnder his fate, had brought them vnto that consumption, he walked not as other men in the common beaten way, but came compassing Circum circa, as if wee had bene Diuells, and hee would draw a Circle about vs, and at enery third step he looked back, as if he were afraide of a Baily or Sericant.

After him followed two pert Apple-squires, the one had a Hurry cloth gowne on, faced downe befoze with gray Conny, and laid thick on the sleeves with lace, which he quaintly bare vp, to shew his white Tassata hose and black silke stockings, a huge ruf about his neck wrapt in his great head like a wycker Cage, a little Hat with brumes like the wings of a doublet, wherein hee wore a Jewell of Glasse, as broad as a chancery scale: after him followed two boies in cloakes like butter flies, carrying one of them his cutting sword of collier, the other his daunting papier of delight. His Comerade that bare him company was a lolly light timberd Jack a Napes, in a sute of Velvet Tassata cut to the skin with a cloake all to be daubed with colourd lace: both he and my gownied brother seemed by their pale as if they had some sutes to Monsieur Boots. At length coming nare, I might deserue the first to see a Poet, the second a Plaiier, the third a Quilition, alas the Master of a daunting Schoole. Well met Maister Poet quoth I, and welcome you friends also, though not so particularly knowne. So it is, though none of you three bee comon wealt ha, men yet vpon vrgit necessity we must be forced to employ you. We haue a Jury to bee empanelled immediately, which one of you three must helpe to make vp, euen he which approues himselfe the honestest man. They are all honest men and goodfellows quoth Velvet-braches, therefore it is no great matter whether of them we choose.

The Doctors doubt of that quoth Cloth-braches, for I am of a different opinion. The first whome by his carelesse slovenly gate at first sight I immagined to be a Poet, is a waul good and an vnthrust, that he is borne to make the Lauernes rich and himselfe a begger, if he haue fourty pounds in his purse to get her, he puts it not to vsury, neyther buies land nor Marchandise with it, but a monet he commo-
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A quippe for

dix of trenches and Tapers. Ten pound a supper. why tis nothing,
 If his plough goes and his tillage bee clare: Take one of them
 worth twenty thousand pounds and hang him. Hee is a king of his
 pleasure and commits all other Boyes and Defendants, that though they
 haue money at commaund yet knowe not like him how to Dominate
 wth it to any purpose as they should. But to speake plainly, I thinke
 him an honest man if hee would but liue within his compass. and ge-
 nerally no mans so bat his owne. Therefore I hold him a man fit to
 be of my Jury. Day quoth vniuersities, I haue more mind to these
 two, for this Doct is a proud fellow, that because hee hath a little wit
 in his budget looke contemne and dislike vs that are the common sort
 of Gentlemen, and thinke we are beholding to him if hee do but be-
 stow a smile lookyng vpon vs. The plaier and the whor of the dauncing
 schoule are plaine, honest, humble men, that for a penny or an old cast
 sute of apparell. Indee quoth Clothynges you say troth, they are
 but to buble, for they be so lowly, that they bee base minded, I meane
 not in their clothes or apparell, for so they bee Peacocks and painted
 asses, but in their course of life, for they care not how they get crowns,
 I meane how basely so they haue them, and yet of the two I hold the
 plaier to bee the better Christian, although in his owne imagina-
 tion too full of selfeliking and selfeloue, and is vnfit to be of the Jury
 though I hide and conceale his faults and fopperies, in that I haue
 bene merry at his sports, only this I must say, that such a plaine
 country fellow as my selfe, they bying in as clowns and soles to
 laugh at in their play, whereas they get by vs, and of our aimes the
 proudest of them all both liue. Well to be wised, let him trot to the
 stage, for hee shall bee none of the Jury. And so you maister whor of
 the dauncing schoule, you are a leader into all misrule, you instruct
 Gentlemen to order their sute, when you dyne the to misorder their
 manners, you are a bad fellow that stand vpon your tricks and ca-
 pers, till you make young Gentlemen caper without their landes,
 why sit to be flattered with you, you lye by your legges, as a iugler by his
 handes, you are giuen over to the pompe and vanities of the world,
 and to be short you are a keeper of misrule and a lewd fellow, and you
 shall be one of the quill. why then quoth I, you are both agreed that
 the Doct is he that most make vp the riot. They answered both he,
 and none but hee. When I calling them all together, bad them lay
 their hands on the booke, and first I cald the knight, and after the
 rest

an vpstart Courtier.

rest as they followed in order, then I gaue them their charge thus.

Worshipful Sir with the rest of the Jury, whome we haue solicited of choice honest men, whose consciences will deale vprightly in this controuerſie, you and the rest of your company are here vpon your oath and othes to inquire whether Clothb;arches haue done deſeison vnto Velueth;arches yea o; no in o; about London, in putting him out of franke tenement w;ronging him of his right and imbolliſhing his credit, if you finde that clothb;arches hath don velueth;arches w;rong, then let him bee ſet in his ſo;mer eſtate and allow him reſonable damages. Vpon this they laied their handes on the booke and were ſwo;ne and departed to ſcrutine of the matter by inquiry amongſt themſelues, not ſtirring out of our ſight no; ſtaying long, but ſtraight returned, and the Knight ſo; them all as the ſo;moſt, ſaid thus. So it is, that we haue w;th equity and conſcience conſidered of this controuerſie betwene Velueth;arches and Clothb;arches, as touching the prerogatiue of them both, which are moſt wo;thy to bee rightly reſident, & haue ſeiſon in frank tenement here in England, and we do finde that Clothb;arches is by many hundred yeares mo;re antient, euer ſince Brute an inhabitant in this Ialnd, one that hath bene in Diebus illis a companion to kings, an equall with the nobilit; a friend to Gentlemen and yeomen, and patron of the po;re, a true ſubiect, a good houſchaper, and generall as honeſt as hee is ancient. Whereas Velueth;arches is an vpstart come out of Italy, begot of Pride, nurſed vpp by ſelfeloue, & brought into this country by his companion Auſangleneſſe, that hee is but of late time a raiſer of rents, & an enemy to the common-wealth, and one that is not any way to be preferred in equity beſo;re Clothb;arches to haue don him no w;rong, but that hee hath lawfully claimed his title of frank tenement, and in that we appoint him ſo; euer to bee reſident. At this verbid pronounſt by the Knight, all the ſtanders by clapt their hands, and gaue a mighty ſhout, whereat I ſtarted and awaked, ſo; I was in a d;ream and in my bed, and ſo roſe vp, and w;it in a merry vaine what you haue heard.

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